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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

MARRIOTT et al.

U.S. National Phase of PCT/EP99/01966

Entry papers filed on September 26, 2000

For: IMPROVED CRYSTAL STRUCTURE

Attention: PCT OFFICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present application is the U.S. national phase of international application number PCT/EP99/01966.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the attached ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE to the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4, line 1, please cancel "any preceding" and insert after "claim" - -1- -.

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